

91 Pints Pour in at Bloodmobile

The first entry of a Red Cross bloodmobile into the South Torrance area of Rolling Hills Plaza brought in donations of 91 pints of blood Monday afternoon.

Several groups and firms established brand-new Red Cross blood accounts at the bloodmobile, which was held at Leonard's Torrance Store.

The host, Leonard's, started a new blood program into operation with contributions of 13 pints.

"We particularly were happy that 21 persons were able to come into this new bloodmobile to replace blood

already used by members of their families, or friends, through the Red Cross Blood Program," said Mrs. Robert Orsini, Torrance - Lomita chairman of the program.

Largest single employee group taking advantage of the bloodmobile's nearness was from Hi-Shear Corp., 2600 W. 247th St., Torrance.

Thirty-six men and women from Hi-Shear made blood donations.

Eleven employees of Houston-Fearless Co. were among those who gave blood at the "premiere" bloodmobile.

Members of the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board, and members of the Lomita Rotary Club, also were among those who took part in the community endeavor to maintain a constant supply of fresh, whole blood through the Red Cross Program.

While the blood was being given, Jerry Moss, advertising director of Leonard's, was very interested in the progress of the first bloodmobile in that area of Torrance.

Jerry was among those at Leonard's who worked

hard to make the first bloodmobile appearance a success.

He is eloquent testimony to the fact that the need for blood often comes unexpectedly. Following surgery at Daniel Freeman Hospital, Jerry suffered a hemorrhage and required blood supplied to him through the Red Cross Blood Program.

As blood was being donated for the first time at Leonard's Torrance Store on Monday afternoon, Jerry Moss was seated at a table at home gradually getting back into the swing of

things by tackling some work.

When his efforts in making the bloodmobile possible were mentioned, Jerry raised a hand quickly in protest, and said sharply, "I did very little compared to Bob Merriam, the manager of our Leonard's Torrance store. He did the lion's share."

The work paid off, too, with 91 pints of whole, fresh blood which can be very precious when it's needed. And, often the need for blood comes quite unexpectedly. Just ask Jerry Moss.

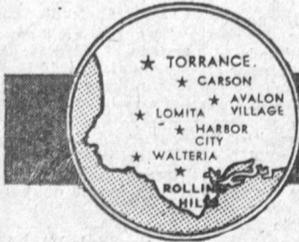


JERRY MOSS, working at home while recuperating from surgery, gives the "okay" sign to his fellow employees at Leonard's Torrance Store for the successful bloodmobile day Monday in

Rolling Hills Plaza. Jerry needed blood when an unexpected hemorrhage followed his operation at Daniel Freeman Hospital.

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MAYOR ISEN BLASTS 'UNFAIR' MTA TAX

Transit Plan No Benefit To Torrance

Mayor Albert Isen, at City Council meeting last night, attacked the proposed Metropolitan Authority's new plan to build a \$649 million rapid transit system, financed by a property tax.

"I am a hundred percent opposed," said Mayor Isen. "It is taxation without representation, and without benefit to Torrance."

The mayor said the tax could run as high as 15 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, as high as \$375,000.

"Our property taxes have reached the saturation point," said Mayor Isen. "There are other methods of financing. Property taxes have reached their limit."

Earlier, C. M. Gillis, MTA executive director, had said that the plan for a non-elected body to levy a tax was not "new."

That was what Mayor Isen termed taxation without representation. The people have no voice in such taxes.

Before this matter arose, Councilman Ross Sciarrotta Sr., charged that the Chamber of Commerce was failing to bring industry to Torrance.

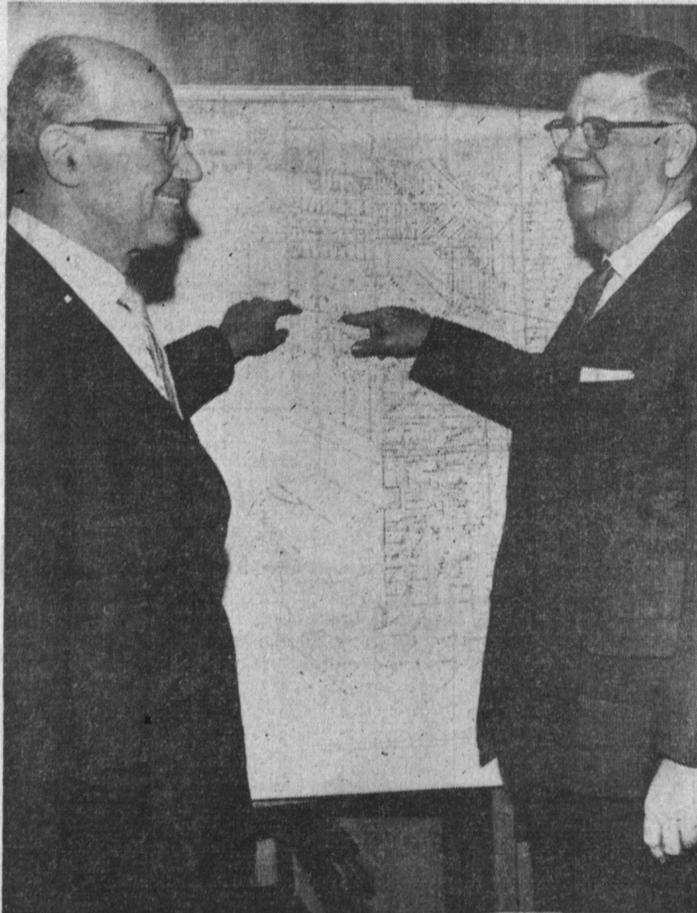
Councilman Sciarrotta suggested that Mayor Isen appoint a committee to spur the growth of industry in Torrance.

He suggested that the committee include members of the City Council, members of the Chamber of Commerce, representatives of the Santa Fe Railway, representatives of the Edison Co., and leading local industrialists.

"I think that such a committee could well meet every three months," said Councilman Sciarrotta.

At the meetings, the committee could explore ways and means to spur industrial development of Torrance, said Councilman Sciarrotta.

Mayor Isen, Councilmen Victor E. Benstead, Ken Miller, and Sciarrotta attended the meeting last night.



MAYOR ISEN, of Torrance (left) meets R. D. Shelton, vice-president of operations, Santa Fe Railway, Chicago, Mayor Isen, Councilmen Victor E. Benstead, Ken Miller, and Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr., conferred with Shelton and three others from the railway yesterday. They sought to change the

Santa Fe's opposition to support of the Torrance site of the new South Bay College. Shelton promised a decision Jan. 18. It is rumored sites at Inglewood and Playa del Rey are now being considered along with those at Torrance and Palos Verdes

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Torrance's Mary Lou Brings Pride to Home

Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Hutchison, of 2825 Onrado St., Torrance, got some happy news about their daughter, Mary Lou, Monday, just as Mrs. Hutchison was beginning to prepare to leave tonight to see Mary Lou be commissioned a Deaconess of the Methodist Church.

The news came in the form of a news release, routinely sent to the office of The Press.

It said that Mary Lou, completing her training as a Deaconess at Scarriff College, Nashville, Tenn., is featured on the cover of a full-color pictorial in the February issue of "Together," a Methodist national family magazine.

"She told me when she was home," began Mrs. Hutchison, over the phone, "she told me that the magazine had taken some pictures . . ."

Mrs. Hutchison caught her breath, then laughed. "The excitement is getting me."

Later, at the Hutchison home on Onrado, the pride and happiness of both parents was wonderful to see.

Mrs. Hutchison pointed at the color photo on the



THEY'RE PROUD of their daughter, Mary Lou, whose picture is on the front page that they are holding which runs in the February issue of "To-

gether," a Methodist family magazine. They are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hutchison, of Torrance

—PRESS photo

very front page of the pictorial, and exclaimed: "It's the exact color of her hair."

"Both of us," she motioned toward her husband, "had red hair, and so our two children," she said with a happy smile.

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SCHOOL SITE SPARKS CHARGE OF 'LAND AGENT'

Three sites for a new elementary school to serve new homes to be built in the Marble Estates area of Torrance were discussed at some length Monday night at the meeting of the Board of Education.

One was favored by Dr. J. H. Hull, school superintendent, a second by Vice President Bert M. Lynn, and a third by Member William J. Hanson.

Dr. Hull's proposed site was opposed because it was in an industrial zone. Hanson proposed a site north-east of the industrial zone. Lynn's choice was an area northwest of that zone.

Lynn said the site he proposed was 25 percent less

expensive, easier to drain, and was land that was not wanted either for residences or for industry.

He described it as "landlocked," which keeps industry out.

Lynn's choice for the new school is sited by an easement owned by the Santa Fe Railway Co.

In his communication to the board, Dr. Hull noted that, "the Santa Fe is determined to maintain its interest in the right of way."

Dr. Hull cited a letter from L. J. LeRoy, industrial agent for the Santa Fe, as confirmation.

Lynn exploded, "All the letter says is that the Santa Fe owns the right of way," he said. "We

know that. But there's an agreement between the Santa Fe and an oil company and the Santa Fe's willing to give it up."

Lynn said that, in his opinion, "the easement is not worth the paper it is written on, because the Santa Fe hasn't used it."

Lynn added, "LeRoy is the last of the old railroad land agents, and I've said that to his face. Those old land agents never change."

H. L. Troutman, resident manager for Utah Construction and Mining Co., agreed with Lynn.

"We are trying to attract a firm that needs 90 to 100 acres," he said. "If the school site was pulled out of that area which we

are offering to that company, we certainly would resist it."

"I don't blame him," said Lynn. "I would, too."

Troutman said that he understood the Santa Fe would quitclaim its right of way easement in the near future which would open the door to the northwest site favored by Lynn.

"That site would serve the city better," said Troutman, "and certainly would serve the industrial community better."

It was voted to put the matter over until February, without any guarantee that the site would be acted upon, in case the Santa Fe's easement is quitclaimed by that time.

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BULLETIN

Today, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn joined Mayor Albert Isen's opposition to the MTA tax. Like Mayor Isen, Hahn said additional property taxes are unthinkable, because the home owner is already overburdened.

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O'Brien Z. Drale Dies in Torrance; Son Councilman

O'Brien Z. Drale, 16600 Yukon St., Torrance, died Saturday. He was the father of Nicholas O. Drale, a member of the Torrance City Council, and a long-time resident of Torrance.

Torrance manufacturers range the alphabet from aircraft to zippers.

See the Magnificence of Torrance

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